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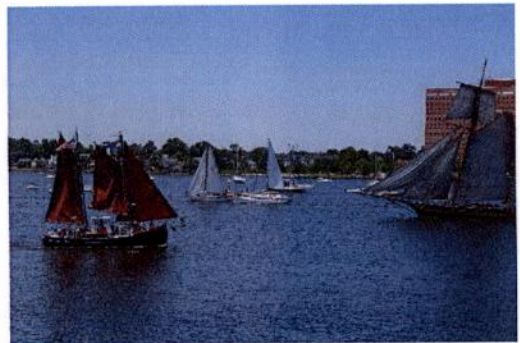
Today's memo includes information from the May 24th Council meeting. Highlights include:

- Traffic Signal Timing
- Commercial Property Landscaping
- Building Security

In addition, contractors will start resurfacing 35th Street and Tidewater Drive from I-264 to Norview Avenue next week. Some of the work on Tidewater Drive will take place in the evening beginning on June 16th. Crews are scheduled to finish 35th Street by the end of June and Tidewater Drive by mid-July.

Norfolk is taking center stage in the new political thriller movie "Public Affairs". Filming starts this weekend and stars Adrian Grenier and Mimi Rogers. Grenier, best known for his role on HBO's "Entourage," plays a campaign aide who lands in trouble after sleeping with the wife of a presidential candidate. Rogers, best known as Tom Cruise's ex co-stars.

Harborfest is celebrating its 40th anniversary this weekend! The Parade of Sail took place this afternoon much to the delight of thousand of onlookers. On Sunday, Harborfest will host the Nathan's Famous Hot-Dog Eating Contest qualifier. The top male and top female finishers will go on to compete in the finals at the original Nathan's Famous in Coney Island on July 4th.





MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Lori A. Crouch, Corporate Communications Director

COPIES TO: City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Council Interests

DATE: June 10, 2016

Today's memo includes information regarding Council Interests from Tuesday, May 24th Informal Session.

Norfolk Southern Coal Dust Study Update: The 18 month study is in progress and so far, the first quarter results are in. Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) has entered into a voluntary agreement with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to operate three air monitors near the Lamberts Point Coal Pier for a period of 18 months for purposes of obtaining representative 24-hour PM10 (coarse dust particles) concentrations. At the end of the 18-month monitoring period, DEQ will validate the data and submit to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for evaluation of health impacts. DEQ has received the first quarter monitoring results from this 18-month sampling program, which started August 1, 2015. The raw data from the first quarter report indicates that all PM10 concentration values from all three monitors were well below the 24-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Ice Cream Trucks: The City Attorney's Office is working with Public Works to review and amend the City Code to regulate ice cream trucks around schools.

Virginia Beach Blvd. Underpass: Public Works crews inspected the underpass. Crews will clean up the trash and graffiti. The light bulbs were updated to LED bulbs this spring. Staff will re-evaluate the lighting.

Traffic Light Signalization: Public Works reviewed Tidewater Drive signal timings and operations. Staff found one piece of "bad data" at the Biltmore intersection which was causing some unnecessary stops. The system is working correctly from Little Creek to Brambleton. The signal coordination can move a typical driver commuting southbound in the morning the entire distance (5 miles, 17 signals) with very little delay. The only exception is when congestion occurs in the areas of Cromwell and Lafayette.

Chesterfield Heights Traffic Signals: The traffic signals at the interchange of Ballentine Blvd., I-264, and Westminster, are the most complex in the City. Due to their proximity all three signals are operated as one unit from one traffic controller. The entire operational grouping is tied to the Tide Light Rail crossing, and the traffic signal is pre-empted to service the train each time one crosses, in either direction. When this occurs, the traffic signals can remain red for a long time.



Within the past couple of years Public Works has improved vehicle detection and timings at this intersection to minimize impacts, and another detection upgrade is planned with an upcoming project. Staff has plans to upgrade the traffic signal timing when the traffic control software is updated. Staff has submitted the plan to Virginia Department of Transportation for funding.

Commercial Properties Landscaping: Neighborhood Development, Planning and Recreation, Parks and Open Space (RPOS) are teaming up to conduct a sweep this summer of the major commercial corridors in the City. This comprehensive plan will identify missing and poorly-maintained landscaping and issue corrective action notices timed to correspond with the fall planting cycle. The sweep will use new Smart Permitting system tied to a database of site plans and landscaping requirements within the last three years.

In addition, Neighborhood Development will attempt to identify one or more funding opportunities that could be used to help existing business sites without landscaping establish some appropriate landscape. Staff believes this effort will contribute to improving the appearance of the corridors.

This effort will initially focus on Virginia Beach Blvd, Military Hwy, Little Creek Rd, Tidewater Dr, Ocean View Ave, Princess Anne Rd, North Colley Ave, Hampton Blvd and Chesapeake Blvd.

Tree Replacement at Business: In 2013, the City received an inquiry about whether or not the removal of a portion of the front of the 7-11 store—including the landscaping—would have any effect on the conforming status of the commercial use located there. The Virginia Department of Transportation conducted the removal as part of the Military Highway road-widening south of the former Lansdale traffic circle.

Lake Whitehurst Vegetation: Utilities staff inspected the area. This portion of the water reservoir is intended to allow natural vegetation.

Building Security: The City is working a comprehensive security approach for City facilities. The departments of General Services, Police (Criminal Intelligence Unit), Communications & Technology and the City Attorney's Office have collaborated to review the City's current security protocol and have discussed plans for enhancements.

Staff met with nearby cities to review security best practices. This included a field site visit to the City of Richmond and a meeting with their Chief of Security. Since our initial assessment, we have increased security guard and police presence during official meetings and events in the City Hall Building. We plan to install technological upgrades such as security cameras in strategic locations, an upgraded centralized monitoring station and magnetic key card access for restricted areas. Several departments have weighed in on the prospective plans. At some point in the near future we may see access limited to the North and South ingress/egress areas of the City Hall Building with a potential sign-in protocol for visitors/guests.

Police Officer Memorial: The request is now being processed to have an honorary street sign placed above the Wellington Street and Stanley Street sign that reads "Brian Jones Way." Staff did not receive any public



comments opposing the sign by the close of the public comment period. The request will be sent to the City Attorney for preparation of an ordinance for City Council.

Have a good weekend.